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REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1. Claims 1-13 are presently pending in the application.

The Advisory Action stated that Applicants' request for reconsideration filed September 20, 2005 did not place the application in condition for allowance because the claim structure did not reflect sequential steps. In particular, the Advisory Action stated that the request for reconsideration did not amend the relevant claims to label paragraphs with letters or numbers to imply sequence. With this response, Applicants have amended the independent claim with letters (a, b, c, etc.) accordingly.

It is respectfully requested that the rejections of all of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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